

Naviance jail

By Emily Boyd

This week at Marist, 76 sophomores were initially scheduled to report to detention for not updating their Naviance profiles due last Friday. Fortunately, some of them were able to finish the work over the weekend, and excuse themselves from the punishment.

Naviance is an online student organizer that helps kids create a resume, explore various colleges and take stock of their personality type. This program will help students when they start looking for colleges.

The Naviance tasks were originally due right after winter break in January, but the deadline was extended because so few students completed the requirements on time.

Junior college night

By Harry Zhou

Thursday the annual Junior Parent College Night was held in the theater intended to give parents an overview of the college search and application process. Senior College Counselor Court Wirth, Assistant Director of Admissions of University of Portland Thomas Stuyresant, and Marist parent Judy Fusek each gave the parents a presentation of what and how to consider when choosing a university or college.

Parents came with many questions and received answers they wanted. The next parent night about college will be later this year.



The Robotics Club displays their newest creation the "Vehickler." Photo by Drew Boyles

For the next month, the Marist robotics club is transforming a riding lawn mower into a beast of a machine. The team is lifting the frame a foot and upgrading engine parts such as carburetor, exhaust and intake to produce over 35 horsepower, twice that of the original. The finished product, named "The Vehickler," will scare geese and serve as stylish staff transportation.

Junior Spencer David sees the project as a "reason to look forward to school." Just look at that!

MARIST MOVES ON



With the help of a large crowd, senior Josh Harper hits a free throw at the end of Tuesday's play-in game against Cleveland. Photo by Toni Cooper

Both basketball teams advance to the OSAA playoffs

By Chris Keylock

The varsity boys and girls basketball teams were victorious in their play-in games, advancing them to the OSAA State Basketball Tournament.

Tuesday night the boys beat the Cleveland Warriors at home. Senior Josh Harper led the Spartans with a double-double of 25 points and 14 rebounds to help solidify a 48-42 victory. Tonight sixth-seeded Marist travels to The Milwaukie Academy of the Arts to face the third-seeded Mustangs in round one of the tournament.

Wednesday night the girls'

varsity team trounced the Ashland Grizzlies by 30 points, leaving the final score at 67-37. Twelve different players scored helping Marist jump out to an early lead. Sophomore Karson Silver scored 14 points and senior Dani Krier had 12 to help pull out a victory at home.

Tomorrow the girls will travel to Eastern Oregon and face the second-seed Bend Lava Bears. With a victory over Bend, Marist would face the victor of the Liberty vs. Hermiston game in the quarterfinals.



Senior Dani Krier squares up against an Ashland defender as the Spartans cruised to the first round of the playoffs. Photo by Toni Cooper

Footsteps of a stranger

By Monica Anderson

Last weekend, junior girls created memories and formed a community unique to their much-anticipated junior Encounter.

With Moderator Stacey Baker's guidance and the leadership of six staff and nine senior Retreat Team members, 22 juniors spent the weekend with small groups, skits and spirituality.

"I loved the skits," junior Maddie Thompson said, "Those were fun. And the food is always good."

St. Benedict's offered an opportunity for reflection where the girls could explore the McKenzie River and surrounding natural setting during their free time. Though the predicted snow did not fall, the sun shone bright throughout the afternoon.

The weekend followed a Pocahontas theme with



Junior Olivia del Guercio takes time to reflect on the Encounter. Photo by Megan Braud '13

the quote, "If you walk in the footsteps of a stranger, you'll learn things you never knew you never knew."

Marist Junior helps fight a bigger battle

By Zach Silva

Last Friday when the varsity basketball team travelled to Willamette for the final game of the season, junior team manager Tanner Lloyd was not just looking for the team to finish the regular season with a win but was looking to win a bigger fight – the fight against cancer.

Lloyd, who transferred from Willamette after his freshmen year, looked to fellow Marist students to help raise money for his friend Blake Nichols who is a senior at Willamette with a rare form of cancer

called Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

This disease affects the lymph nodes, spleen and liver of the individual with the disease.

Lloyd felt called to support Nichols not only because he saw a friend in need but because his mom is battling cancer. "I can only imagine what he is going through going through with school and cancer," said Lloyd.

With the help of Marist students, Lloyd was able to donate 200 dollars to benefit Nichols.

Dance festival

By Sarah Zebrowski

On Feb 23, the Marist Passion Dance Team held the first annual Dance Festival and All Ages Dance Clinic at Marist High School. The Clinic took place from 8-11 am and was an instructed dance choreographed by the team captains Madeline Balderston and Taylor Kirkpatrick.

The Dance Festival went from 3-4 p.m. and consisted of eight different dance studios and dance teams performing and showcasing their dance routines. Those who attended the All Ages Dance Clinic performed the routine they had learned.

Spring sports begin



By Peter Hu and Summer Xia

This week the spring sports season began at Marist.

An estimated 75 percent of the student body took to the fields, courts and track as they participated in the nine different spring sports. With the largest turnout in recent memory, track and field boasts over 100 athletes.

Speech and debate

By Jordan Pickrel

Last weekend the Marist Speech and Debate Team competed in the Robert D. Clark Invitational Forensics Tournament at the University of Oregon. The annual event hosted 35 west coast high schools for two days of competition.

Marist achieved a win in the Small Teams Category of the tournament in addition to a number of individual achievements.

Sophomore Heather Clarke won first place in the Junior Expository category. Freshman Jessica Lynch won Junior Oratory. The duo of Senior Simon Olson and Freshman Jessica Lynch took ninth place in Parliamentary Debate.

"[It went] pretty awesome" Sophomore Heather Clarke said about the tournament. "The trophy is pretty awesome."

The team travels to Oregon City this Saturday for the final tournament of the season before Districts and State in April.